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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-74 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Restriction is required between the following distinct and independent inventions:

I. Claims 1-12 drawn to making a mixture of the 4 compounds starting from green tea leaves.

II. Claims 13,14,57,61 and 62 involving pharmaceutical compositions or diet supplements involving mixtures of the 4 compounds

III. Claims 15-17, 28,29,34,35,38,58,59,61 and 62 involving methods of treating diseases involving fat metabolism using mixtures of the 4 compounds. The article of manufacture containing the above and instructions for use has been placed here.

IV. Claims 18-23,38 and 39 drawn to methods of treating conditions involving cardiovascular disease.

V. Claims 24 and 25 drawn to method of treating aids

VI. Claims 26 and 27 drawn to method of treating diabetes. VII. Claims 30 and 31 drawn to treating von Willebrand's disease.

VIII. Claims 32 and 33 drawn to treating leukopenia.

IX. Claims 36 –39 drawn to treating conditions involving cerebral vascular damage.

X. Claims 40-53 drawn to a method of making 1 of the 4 compounds as a separate compound comprising contacting tea polyphenols with aqueous buffer and polyphenol oxidase to form a reaction mixture, etc.

XI. Claims 54 and 60 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition or a dietary supplement containing separately 1 of the 4 compounds.

XII. Claims 55,56 and 62 drawn to a method or treating hyperlipidemia with 1 of the 4 compounds.

XIII. Claims 63-74 drawn to a capsule comprising a shell and a fill material comprising a mixture of the 4 compounds where the shell or fill material further contains a radiation blocker and an anti-oxidant.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because: The methods of making are independent and distinct since one involves treating tea leaves and the other involves treating polyphenols apparently already separated from tea leaves. Treatment of diseases with a single active ingredient rather than a mixture of active ingredients can be patentably distinct. The instant several methods of treatment can be patentably distinct. The capsule claims are patentably distinct from the plain pharmaceutical composition claims since specific structure and other ingredients are recited.

Thus restriction as above is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernard Dentz whose telephone number is 571-272-0683. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:15 to 4:30PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571 272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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